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To: DDA Coordination of Community Services Providers

Support Brokers

DDA Licensed Service Providers

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Re: Medicaid State Plan Services

THIS LETTER IS AVAILABLE IN ACCESSIBLE FORMATS. TO REQUEST ANOTHER FORMAT, PLEASE CONTACT HELPDESK.DDA@MARYLAND.GOV.

Coordinators of community services provide assistance to help individuals connect with an array of services and supports and ensure their coordination. They are responsible for assisting individuals in identifying generic resources, natural supports, services available through other programs, Medicaid State Plan services, and waiver services. Services should support individual choices and independence; goals related to employment; community integration; and services in the most integrated setting appropriate. The person's Individual Plan (IP) should include all services (i.e. generic resources, natural supports, services available through other programs, Medicaid State Plan services, and waiver services) and becomes the focal point of coordinating services.

Individuals who are Medicaid eligible, including participants of home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver programs, have access to the full range of services available under the Medicaid State Plan. Maryland's Medicaid State Plan and Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) cover a broad range of health care services.

To meet individual needs; support self-determination, employment, and families; and enhance integration and inclusion into the community, these Medicaid State Plan services should be explored. However, there is no requirement that CFC services be accessed before waiver services.

Mandatory Medicaid services and optional services provided by Maryland are noted in the charts on the following page. Note that individual services must be medically necessary and that not all participants will meet the eligibility criteria for each service.

Maryland Medicaid Services

Laboratory & Radiology
Mental Health Rehab
Nursing Facility
Occupational Therapy
Optometry
Personal Care
Physical Therapy
Podiatry
Prenatal Care
Prescription Drugs
Preventive Services
Private Duty Nursing
Prosthetics & Orthotics
Speech Therapy
Targeted Case Management
Transportation
Vaccines (children)

On January 6, 2014, Maryland consolidated some personal assistance services under a State Plan program called the Community First Choice (CFC) program. The CFC program provides community services and supports to enable older adults and individuals with disabilities to live in their own homes. In order to be eligible to receive CFC, a person must meet an institutional level of care. Another state plan program, the Medical Assistance Personal Care program, provides personal assistance services to those who do not meet an institutional level of care, but who need assistance with at least one activity of daily living.

For individuals on the DDA Waiting List with Medicaid eligibility, CFC or MAPC services may help with current needs. CFC services are noted below:

Personal Assistance Services*	Personal Emergency Response Systems
Nurse Monitoring*	Technology
Consumer Training	Environmental Assessments
Supports Planning*	Accessibility Adaptations
Transition Services	Home Delivered Meals

^{*}The MAPC program offers only personal assistance, nurse monitoring, and supports planning services.

Additional information regarding:

- Maryland's Community First Choice can be found through the link below. Included is the resource guide for supports planners. https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/longtermcare/SitePages/Community%20First%20Choice.a spx
- Medicaid Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Durable Medical Supplies (DMS) approved list of items can be viewed at: https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/communitysupport/SitePages/approvedlist.aspx.
- Maryland Technology Assistance Program (MDTAP) can be viewed at: http://www.mdod.maryland.gov/MTAP%20Home.aspx.
- Maryland's Medicaid program can be viewed at: https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/SitePages/Medicaid%20Medical%20Assistance%20Overview.aspx